

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 9, 2005 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-26 are in the case. Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

By this amendment, claims 1-5, 7, 9, 11-14, 16, 18, and 20-24 have been amended. For the reasons set forth below, claims 1-26 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks, is therefore respectfully requested.

Objection to the Specification

The Office Action requests that Applicant update the cross-reference to the parent patent application cited in the first paragraph of the specification. By this paper, Applicant has amended the first paragraph of the specification to recite the patent number and issue date of the parent patent application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

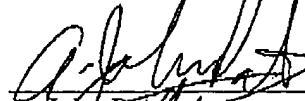
Rejection of Claims 1-26 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for statutory double patenting. By this paper, claims 1-5, 7, 9, 11-14, 16, 18, and 20-24 have been amended. As a result, none of claims 1-26 is now identical in scope to the issued claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,687,858. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the event that the examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

DATED this 16th day of November, 2005.

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